

MAINS OF A ROMAN CITY IN ENGLAND.

We learn from the London Times, that the Duke of Cleveland, has let to the committee excavations, four acres of ground at Wroxeter, the two on which the excavations have hitherto been carried on, and two additional acres adjoining, to be kept permanently open to the public, and not to be filled up again.

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DRINK OF SEA BIRDS—The question is often asked, where do sea birds obtain fresh water to slake their thirst, but we have never seen it satisfactorily answered till a few days ago. An old skipper with whom we were conversing on the subject, said that he had

juently seen these birds at sea, far from land that could furnish them water, hovering around and under a storm cloud, uttering like ducks on a hot day at a pond, drinking in the drops of rain as they fall. I will smell a rain squall as a hundred miles or even further off, and send for it with unobtainable fleetness. How long sea birds live without water, is merely a matter of conjecture, but probably their powers of enduring thirst are increased by habit, and surely they go without it for many days, and not for several weeks.

General Washington alive. The venerable Dainierfield Lewis, of King George, is a degree nearer. Mr. Lewis is a grandchild of Fielding Lewis and Bettie, the sister of Washington, whilst Col. Washington's mother, the late Col. Geo. C. Washington, was only the son of a nephew. All the nephews the General were bequeathed swords in, and two are in the possession of the Lewis family, the one worn at Braddock's defeat, besides other relics, being now at Annapolis. Mrs. Lawrence Washington of Annapolis, is an aunt of Col. L. W. Washington, and of course also "a nearer relation." *—Fairfax Recorder.*

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